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The fact is clear that the farmer's alliance is a democratic institution.

The old soldier will be called upon to vote for Cleveland in 1892.

The fact that winter is close at hand makes the pontoon bridge project a little difficult to arrange, but a pontoon or free ferry is certain.

France it is said, has imbibed considerable McKinleyism and is going to out do our late congress in its tariff legislation.

We are emerging from under the wreck in good shape. The disfiguration was not so bad considering other eventful things—the flood for instance.

When we realize the fact that 2,000 men own half the land in England and that thirty millions own none, we can see the danger that threatens this country in the same direction.

We have been trying to nerve up so as to howl a little for Warner for governor in 1892, but can't make it yet. If we could only forget the awfulness of the thing it would not be so hard to brace up.

Cole county has in the past 12 years been largely in the control of republicans, and now, since the election is over, we ask in all candor which party has most faithfully administered its affairs?

Mr. ANTWERP, the democratic treasurer, has adjusted his little matter by turning the balance due him for services, over to the county, and mortgaging his homestead to his bondsmen, who arranged the balance.

The whole Missouri delegation are "coming out" for speaker. When it comes to check the government mule stands no show as against a Missourian in congress. We cite Col. Chas. Mansur in proof of what we say.

Conscious will meet next Monday. Every congressman will have a theory of his own, explaining the late unexpected. The people had a theory of their own. Too much Lodge, McKinley and Reed, and the republicans in congress need go no further for a theory.

After all, the great democratic tidal wave was due to the fact that the republicans did not vote. Even in Cole county, where the campaign was spirited enough to satisfy almost every one, the republicans did not cast their full vote. If the weather had been bad there is no telling how many more would have remained at home.

KANSAS, with 80,000 republican majority, Iowa with 40,000 republican majority, Pennsylvania with 80,000 republican majority, Nebraska with 30,000 Minnesota with 30,000, can all go democratic occasionally, but did you ever hear of a democratic state in the south going republican? That tells the tale as to who is "hi-le-bound."

The apportionment under the census of 1890 must be made by congress before it adjourns. It would be unsafe to let it go over and trust to a democratic congress with a majority of 151 mossbacks to do the fair thing, because they would never do it. You can always depend on a democratic majority not doing the right thing, and the republicans want congress to fix the apportionment now.

One of the reasons why the Lodge bill finds advocates and supporters can be easily understood when such southern states as Mississippi elect seven congressmen in a total vote of 61,000, making one congressman for every 9,000 votes cast. According to the vote cast the state is not entitled to one congressman, but by fraud gets 7. In Missouri there are 240,000 voters who have not even one congressman.

The appointment of McFarlane and Thomas, as the new judges of the supreme court, by the governor, will give general satisfaction to the bar and the people. Mr. McFarlane is recognized as an able lawyer and will make a good judge. Mr. Thomas, though not so well known in Central Missouri as Judge McFarlane, has the reputation of being a good lawyer, and his appointment will strengthen the governor in South-east

Missouri, a section of the state that has been knocking at the door many years for recognition on the supreme court bench.

The American nation has for some inexplicable reason neglected its opportunities in the past to grasp the immense advantages open to it by commercial reciprocity with the South American states. England, Germany and France have each devoted much time and attention to that section of the country, which to the United States has appeared hardly worth while striving after, and as a result have secured a foothold that the United States will now have much difficulty in undermining. Mr. Blaine is the only living American statesman who has for years been trying to show the necessity for reciprocal commercial treaties, and the people are beginning to see the situation.

The republican press is divided in its views regarding the advisability of repealing the McKinley bill. We are not divided in our views in regard to it. We will go as far as any in upholding the doctrine of protection. We believe in it as the greatest governmental principle ever devised by an enlightened people, but we see no necessity for rates exceeding those of the war. We now have 64,000,000 people. Our increase in wealth in the past 35 years has puzzled the nations of the world, and our march onward need not be accelerated by an increased tariff.

The conviction of August Wolf, of this city, for sending an indecent letter through the mail, while it is to be regretted on account of the young man's hitherto good character, stands as a warning to evil disposed persons, who seek in that way to accomplish their malicious purposes. The depraved condition of the human mind that resorts to such methods in order to vent spite or accomplish other ends, is of itself a sad spectacle, and perhaps the world should be charitable in its judgment, but to permit them to go unpunished would only be giving license to others more vicious and more cowardly. Judge Phillips was very severe in his charge to the jury in this case, but he had no doubt of the defendant's guilt, and felt that to permit that defendant to go unpunished, would be to inflict sorrow and shame upon an innocent young girl, while the guilty could revel in the belief, that his bid for future ventures had been broadened under the protection and security of the law.

We thought when Col. Stephens was airing his views somebody would snub him, and just listen and see how it was done:

The pinnacle of mugwump craziness can no longer be disputed with Mr. "Lon V. Stephens," of Missouri. From the incipient stage of the crank's comparatively inoffensive hallucination regarding certain essential truths of propriety, this species of idolatry has developed into the gross indecency that characterizes lunacy's most degraded forms. Mr. Lon V. Stephens speaks thus to a reporter of the Jefferson City Tribune:

"Grover Cleveland, next to the humble Nazarene, is the strongest character in the United States to-day."

After realizing that mugwumpism has reached the point at which the savior of men alone can be compared with Grover Cleveland, the mind can not shake off its wonder that Jesus Christ should have elicited even this degree of respect from such quarters.

It can be a question of time only when the Cleveland cult shall have finally eliminated all competitors, and the stuffed Prophet, to its ancient satirist and uncomprehending, like that fantastic Messiah to whom the poor Montana Indians of Sitting Bull are now turning as the latest revelation of heaven.

Blasphemy does not cease to be shocking when it comes from monomaniacs. It is essentially revolting. However pitiable the blasphemers, people of decent instincts must always turn from them in disgust.

We shudder when we ponder over the final judgment of the man, who, when he hears that a fellow has gone astray, shrugs his shoulders and sneers, "Fool!" Who, when he hears that another has encountered a terrible temptation, resisted until nature herself gave out exhausted, and then at the very last, has yielded to it and plunged headlong into the forbidden pleasures, again, sneers, "Fool!" Who, when he hears that another is the victim of some terrible passion, burning, unconquerable, stronger than death itself, and he hears, one day, he sinks like a beast on the plain, he cries out only, "Fool!" We pity the heart that never aches and the eyes that never grow wet at the tale of another's downfall or ruin, while we think

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